

# Y. W. C. A. Notes

## Use the "Y"

"Do you have an employment agency here at your Y. W. C. A.?"

The secretary looked up from her work and was confronted by a very attractive young woman who seemed a bit frightened after she had been brave enough to come into the office to ask her question.

"No, we don't have one. If we know a girl is looking for work and we know of someone who is looking for a girl we will always tell the girl of the vacant place, but for regularly registering for work you will have to go to Mrs. Smith at 11 S. Green Bay road or Mrs. Scott at 319 Vine avenue, one of whom I'm sure will have something for you. She has Highland Park's employment agency in her home."

The secretary directed the young woman to Mrs. Smith's and invited her to rest a while in the Y. W. C. A. living room if she cared to before going.

"But I don't belong to the Y. W. C. A.," she said.

It was then that the secretary discovered that this girl had been living in Highland Park, doing domestic work in one of the homes for several months without knowing that the Y. W. C. A. is open to any girl who wants to use its living room, rest rooms, or writing desks. She thought that to use the "Y" meant that she must be a paid member of the association. The Y. W. C. A. wants members and is glad when any girl signs the membership card, but it is decidedly not necessary to do so in order to be welcomed there. Besides it costs nothing to be a member of the association. It has no membership fee.

This young woman at once responded to the friendly atmosphere of your Highland Park Y. W. C. A., came to see the pictures Dr. Burdick showed the Friendship club on November 14, and made herself at home in the living room on the following Sunday, and has from time to time brought her friends in with her.

"It is wonderful," she said, "to know that I have some place to go during my time off besides to Chicago and to the movies. And it's even more wonderful to find someone to talk with who is doing the same kind of work that I'm doing."

To those of us who are so familiar with our Y. W. C. A. and are in and out of the building so much, it is hard to believe that there are young women right here in our own town who know so very little about it. It is a pleasant place to be and one that is deeply appreciated by all of us who are fortunate enough to have made friends with it already. That's why we are unhappy when we come up against the fact that we are not broadcasting a welcome to the "Y" as thoroughly as we should. It is not selfishness on the part of those directly connected with the association, because their biggest aim is to bring more and more girls into contact with the Y. W. C. A. and the things for which it stands.

The Y. W. C. A. asks everyone who is reading its news this week in the paper to appoint him or herself a

committee of one to help spread the word about town that the "Y" is here at 374 Laurel avenue and is here for all women of all ages. The "Y" will be glad to know them as it is sure they will be glad to know the "Y."

## "Walk In"

The Y. W. C. A. board of directors, office staff and the girls living in the house all felt sure that after some sixty or seventy masculine members of the Chamber of Commerce had gotten in and safely out of the building on one evening of last month the men would be convinced that there is nothing in the "Y" to bite them or even scratch. Being a woman's organization there has naturally been found in those of the opposite sex a timidity when approaching the door which has on it in a conspicuous place the placard, "Walk In." They seem to be under the impression that the invitation is limited to women only. Such an impression is a decidedly wrong one. Just as the women-folks had to conquer their fear of a barber shop, and whether the men believe it or not some of us still walk by a barber shop a half dozen times before going trembling in to get a hair cut, so must the men-folks conquer their fear of the entrance of the Y. W. C. A. It is very distracting to anyone who is working at the desk to have to stop abruptly to answer the door bell. And invariably it is a man, nervously standing first on one foot or another. Perhaps women are better readers so "Walk In" means to them what it says. But that's hard to believe. In fact, it isn't the truth. The men are simply afraid to walk in, and it's high time they got over it. Brave the fortress if such it seems and you'll find nothing to harm you when you obey the suggestion "Walk In."

## The G. R. Adviser's Supper

Mrs. Wilson L. Kline of the Y. W. C. A. board, the newly appointed Girl Reserves chairman met the seven G. G. advisers of the five organized clubs at a supper Tuesday evening at the Y. W. C. A. "Clubs and Girls" was the main topic of discussion. Joint Christmas pageant and the organizing of an Inter-Club council will be composed of representatives from each club who will be responsible for the planning and carrying out the joint affairs, thus helping each club to realize they are a link in a big chain of G. R.'s which reach into every country. Girls who have for their club purpose "To find and give the best" in so doing they may share it with others.

## Mother's Club

The Mother's club had their regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 3. Several special musical numbers were given. Vocal solo, Mrs. E. T. R. Murfey; piano number, Miss Atkins; violin solo, Mr. Russel. Luce of Glencoe, accompanied by Caroline Schimmel, and a reading by Mrs. Jesse Sobey. Mesdames Minnie and Allen Gerken, Grant Benson and John Fay were on the refreshment committee. Several Christmas carols were sung and plans were made for

the annual Christmas party for the children of the Mothers' club.

## House Committee

The house committee had its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday. Mrs. A. S. Burdick, chairman, hopes to have a larger committee by the first of the year. The finance committee will hold its monthly meeting at ten o'clock Friday at the association building. The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors will be held at ten o'clock Tuesday, Dec. 10, this will be a very important finishing up of this year's business and again looking ahead to plans for the coming year.

## Friendship Club

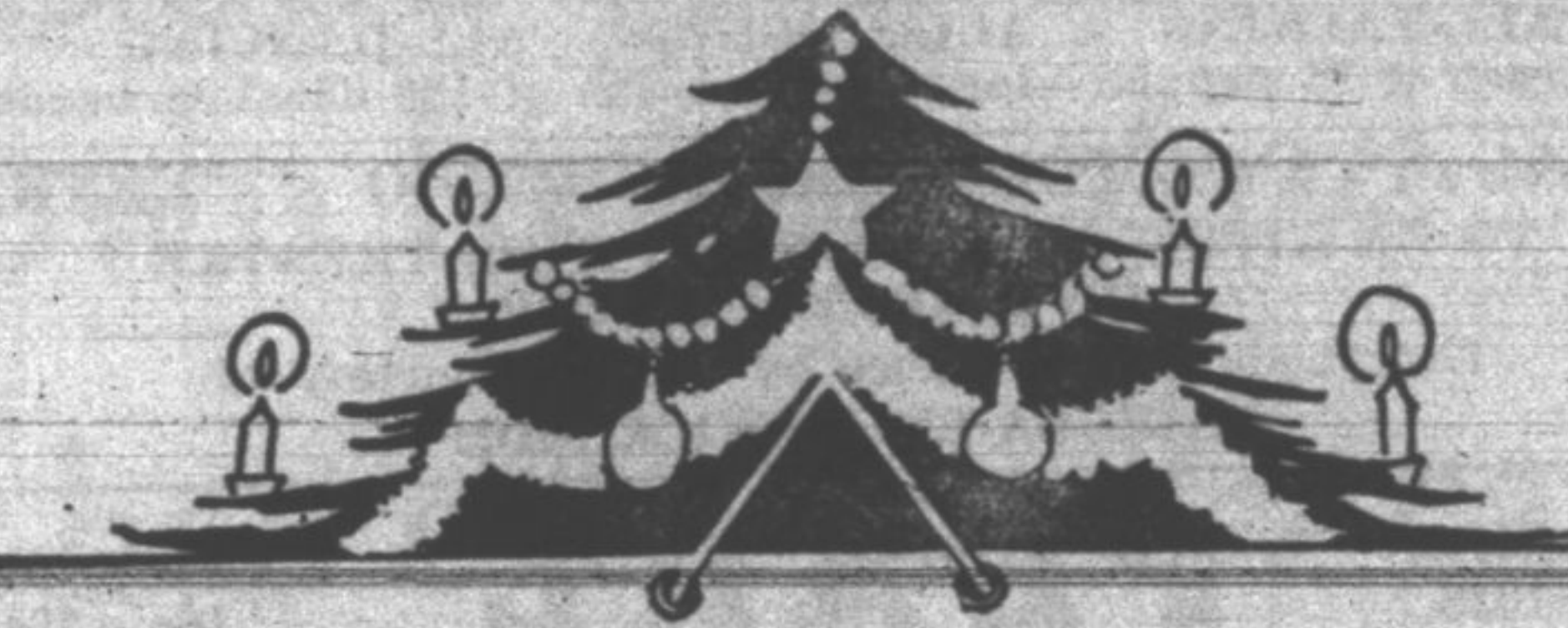
There will be a regular meeting of the Friendship club Thursday evening, Dec. 5, at 8:30 o'clock. A most

interesting surprise awaits you. If you are not a member, you are most welcome to come and join this club

## Our Y.W.C.A.

In all this fair city where girls are so pretty  
And the women are gracious beyond all belief  
And Oleson and Murfey, Alexander and Burdick  
Are singing the praise of our Y.W.C.A.  
We could do no real business less  
Schneider should help us  
Or Mothers' club guide all our footsteps so gay.  
So let's fill all our coffers with cheques and with dollars  
And help swell the fund of our Y. W. C. A.

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